

CHRIST OVERFLOWING

Raised with Christ

Colossians 2:8-15

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These questions are provided for your further study and application of Sunday's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Bible Study Groups at Broadview Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit broadviewchurch.com/biblestudies or email us at contact@broadviewchurch.com.

1. Read Mark 7:1-15. How did Jesus feel about human traditions? How might traditions become a danger to people? According to Colossians 2:8, what might happen if we follow philosophies and human traditions? How is following Christ different than following traditions?

2. According to Colossians 2:9, is the nature of Jesus Christ in any way less than God? How might this truth help us decide who to listen to and what we should base our lives on? If no other person or movement has the fullness of God's nature within itself, then does it follow that all other people and movements are insufficient?

3. Read Colossians 2:10-13. In these verses, we learn that Christ fills us, raised us, and forgives us. What kind of authority does Christ have, according to verse 10? Can any other being stop Christ from doing his work in you? What other insights or questions do verses 10-13 raise in your mind?

4. When you apply for a loan or a mortgage, there is always a certificate of debt to sign. You must pay all of the loaned money back before you can be considered free of the debt. According to Colossians 2:14, what did Jesus do to the spiritual certificate of debt that we owe God? How should we respond to him for doing this?

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8 Be careful that no one takes vou captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ. 9 For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ, 10 and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. 11 You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. 14 He erased the certificate of debt. with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.

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